

Seminar on universal primary education from Dec 3

A two-week regional seminar on the 'universal primary education in Asia and Pacific' will begin in Dacca on December 3 morning, reports BSS.

Jointly sponsored by the Bangladesh Government and the Commonwealth Secretariat the seminar will be participated by 23 delegates from 13 Commonwealth countries; it is learnt in Dacca on Friday.

President Ziaur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar.

The Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman will attend the inaugural session as a special guest at the seminar which will be presided over by the State Minister for Education, Mr. Abdul Baten.

Dr. M.N. Haq, as director of the regional seminar will represent the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat Sir Shridath S. Ramphal. Over 400 guests are likely to attend the inaugural ceremony.

As a prelude to this seminar which is the first of a series of similar regional meetings, the Commonwealth Secretariat commissioned in 1978 a survey of progress towards universal primary education in the Commonwealth and published the findings as a book earlier this year. The author, Mr. R.L. Smith of the Department of Education in developing countries, University of London will be taking part in the seminar as a consultant. Other consultants include Mr. M.F. Khan, formerly Director of Public Instruction and Mr. N. Kisome of Tanzania where new approaches to education have been introduced.

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